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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: SECTO 14027

1. DURING MY TALK WITH FAHMY YESTERDAY, I TOLD HIM ABOUT YOUR MEETING WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER MUTI AND PERMREP ASHTAL. I EXPLAINED THAT AT MUTI'S REQUEST, MEETING WAS OFF-THE-RECORD AND THEN GAVE FAHMY SUBSTANTIVE DETAILS OF YOUR TALK. I ASKED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT ALSO BE INFORMED.

2. FAHMY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT MEETING HAD BEEN GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE. HE WAS GALD TO HEAR OF MUTI'S SUPPORT FOR RECENT SINAI AGREEMENT, BUT NOTED PDRY DOES NOT SEEM TO WANT TO COME OUT PUBLICLY ON THIS MATTER. FAHMY CLAIMED HE, TOO, HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN URGING PDRY MODERATE ITS POLICIES TOWARDS ITS NEIGHBORS. HE THOUGHT SOME HEADWAY IS BEING MADE IN THIS DIRECTION.

3. FAHMY WAS INTERESTED IN MUTI'S COMMENTS RE RESUMPTION OF US-PDRY RELATIONS. HE WONDERED WHY SOUTH YEMENIS WANT TO DELAY A FEW MONTH. IT COULD NOT BE BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER REACTION

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OF EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, OMAN OR YAR TO SUCH

DEVELOPMENT. HE RATHER SUSPECTED PDRY MAY FIRST WANT TO SOUND OUT SOVIETS, BUT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED INTERNECINE FEUDING WITHIN PDRY MAY ACCOUNT FOR GO-SLOW APPROACH.

4. I ALSO TOLD FAHMY THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS GOOD EXAMPLE OF CLOSE US-EGYPTIAN COOPERATION AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AT GOE EFFORTS TO PREPARE THE WAY. I DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION THE RECENT RELEASE OF KOPP AND TORHAN AS A RESULT OF EGYPTIAN EFFORTS, SINCE I CANNOT BE CERTAIN FAHMY KNOWS ABOUT THIS. HE HAS AT NO TIME INDICATED ANY SUCH AWARENESS. IT IS AN AWKWARD SITUATION. IF FAHMY AT ANY TIME RAISES THE SUBJECT OF WHY ID DID NOT DISCUSS IT WITH HIM, I INTEND TO SAY THAT I WAS SURE THAT THE PRESIDENCY HAD DIRECTLY ADVISED HIM.

5. I HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MARWAN TO BRING HIM INTO THE PICTURE.
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